Drinking water crisis in Rajasthan

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have made any special scheme to provide assistance to main States facing the crisis of drinking water;

(b) if so, States which are facing water crisis; and

(c) The details of funds allocated to the State Government of Rajasthan by the Central Government so far during last three years for the purpose of water resources, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Drinking Water is a State subject. The Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Drinking Water Supply, however, supplements the efforts of the States./UTs in providing drinking water facilities in the rural areas by rendering financial assistance and technical support through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply (ARWSP). Funds are allocated to the States based on a laid down criteria, which takes into account rural population, geographical conditions, number of rural habitations not covered/partially covered with drinking water supply and water quality status. About 5% of the ARWSP funds are kept aside Natural Calamities.

(c) Funds allocated to the Government of Rajasthan during last three years under ARWSP are as under:

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in crore)		
	ARWSP (Normal)	ARWSP (DDP)	ARWSP (Swajaldhara)
2003-04	158.52	61.74	21.92
2004-05	203.92	88.48	25.45
2005-06	360.21	125.94	45.81

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.